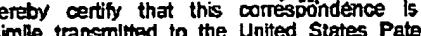


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 26, 2003

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 26, 2003 for which the date for response is April 26, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT4349.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-26, i.e., the Group I claims. Applicant also requests that claims 45-47 be examined

with the Group I claims. Claims 45-47 are claims to "means" for practicing the process claims set forth in the Group I claims. According to MPEP § 806.05(e), a "means" claim is a linking claim and must be examined with the elected invention. If it is ultimately allowed, rejoinder of the non-elected claims is required. See MPEP § 809.04. Claims 45-47 satisfy the criteria set forth in MPEP 806.05(e) as linking claims, and are therefore entitled to examination with the elected Group I claims. Also, if claims 45-47 are found to be allowable, Applicants are entitled to have the remaining Group II claims (*i.e.*, 27-44) rejoined.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (608) 833-0748 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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